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**MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 02-05**

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**AUGUST 08, 2005 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF VESSEL RESPONSE  
PLANS FOR NONTANK VESSELS**

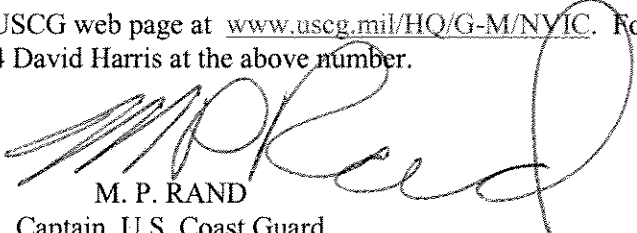
As of August 08, 2005, all nontank vessels greater than or equal to 400 gross tons as measured under 46 U.S.C. 14302 must have submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOR-2) a Response Plan as outlined in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01-05.

This applies to all vessels that are vessels of the United States or operate on the navigable waters of the United States. Vessels covered by this change that are not operating within the navigable waters or the exclusive economic zone of the United States should meet all provisions of the Vessel Response Plan listed below with the exception of number 3.

Under 33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(5)(D), the Vessel Response Plan must:

- (1) Be consistent with the requirements of the National Contingency Plan and Area Contingency Plans;
- (2) Identify the qualified individual having full authority to implement removal actions, and require immediate communications between that individual and the appropriate Federal official and the persons providing personnel and equipment pursuant to paragraph (3) below;
- (3) Identify and ensure by contract or other means approved by the Coast Guard the availability of private personnel and equipment necessary to remove to the maximum extent practicable a worst case discharge (including a discharge resulting from fire or explosion), and to mitigate or prevent a substantial threat of such a discharge;
- (4) Describe the training, equipment testing, periodic unannounced drills, and response actions of persons on the vessel, to be carried out under the plan to ensure the safety of the vessel and to mitigate or prevent the discharge, or the substantial threat of a discharge.
- (5) Be updated periodically; and
- (6) Be submitted for approval of each significant change.

For a copy of NVIC 01-05, please see the USCG web page at [www.uscg.mil/HQ/G-M/NVIC](http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/G-M/NVIC). For any questions regarding this MSIB, please contact CWO4 David Harris at the above number.

  
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